(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has employed one bird shooter and three bird chasers for bird scaring activities. AAI has also contributed an amount of Rs. 68.75 lakhs for the establishment of modern Abattoir near Hyderabad.

(e) 35 bird hit incidents have been reported in the last two years.

(f) Air India and Indian Airlines have incurred a total loss of Rs. 04.15 crores (approximately).

Suspension of Modernisation Work of Delhi and Mumbai Airports

†1594. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work relating to modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai Airports has again been suspended;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work relating to modernisation is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Revision of charges at Non-Metro Airports

1595. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to decongest Metro Airports in the country, the Central Government propose to reduce various charges at non-metro airports, making them more attractive to domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of money, the Airports Authority of India will have to forego due to reduction of charges;

(d) the manner in which the AAI will be compensated;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.